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This section describes the child support caseload. Three types of cases make up the Title IV-D child support cases:

- **Current Assistance** (individuals receiving TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)
- **Former Assistance** (individuals who have ever received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care) and
- **Never Assistance** (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care. Medicaid, child care only and State Only Foster Care are Never Assistance cases.)

The Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 awards incentives to states' child support programs based on their performance on five measures.

1. Paternity establishment
2. Order establishment
3. Current support collected
4. Cases paying toward arrears
5. Cost effectiveness.

The Child Support Incentive Scorecard shows DCS outcomes on the five measures over the past two federal fiscal years. Information is presented in federal fiscal years because that is the time frame used for awarding incentives earned by the state's child support program. For example, in FFY 2003, DCS earned \$12.9 million in incentives compared to \$12.8 million in FFY 2002.

#### Highlights:

- **The overall performance on the Incentive Scorecard was 90% in FFY 2003 compared to 88% in FFY 2002.**
- **Child support collections increased to \$634.2 million in SFY 2003, compared to \$628.2 in SFY 2002.**
- **Child support served an average of 408,300 children per month in SFY 2003.**
- **The average monthly Child Support IV-D caseload decreased slightly in SFY 2003 (308,760 cases), compared to SFY 2002 (311,128 cases) and SFY 2001 (322,168 cases). The drop in current assistance cases is responsible for this decline.**
- **Current Assistance cases numbered 47,330 in SFY 2003, compared to 49,049 in SFY 2002, a 4.0 percent decrease.**
- **The majority (86%) of non-custodial parents are male and 24-39 years old (54%).**

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### Child Support Incentive Scorecard FFY 2002 and FFY 2003<sup>1</sup>

Source: Division of Child Support

| MEASURE   | GOAL<br>NEEDED<br>TO<br>OBTAIN<br>100%<br>FUNDING | ACTUAL<br>PERFORMANCE<br>FFY |        | PERCENTAGE<br>OF MAXIMUM<br>INCENTIVE<br>REACHED<br>(A) |      | MAXIMUM<br>VALUE OF<br>INCENTIVE<br>(\$ IN<br>MILLIONS)<br>(B) | INCENTIVE<br>PAYMENT<br>(\$ IN<br>MILLIONS)<br>(A * B) |        |
|---|---|------------------------------|--------|---|------|--|--|--------|
|   |   | 2002                         | 2003   | 2002  | 2003 |  | 2002   | 2003   |
| <b>Paternity<br/>Establishment<br/>Percentage</b> | 80%   | 97%                          | 98%    | 100%  | 100% | \$3.20   | \$3.20   | \$3.20 |
| <b>Order<br/>Establishment</b>                    | 80%   | 90%                          | 90.6%  | 100%  | 100% | \$3.20   | \$3.20   | \$3.20 |
| <b>Current<br/>Support</b>                        | 80%   | 63%                          | 63%    | 73%   | 73%  | \$3.20   | \$2.33   | \$2.33 |
| <b>Arrears Cases<br/>Paying</b>                   | 80%   | 65%                          | 67.9%  | 75%   | 78%  | \$2.35   | \$1.76   | \$1.83 |
| <b>Cost<br/>Effectiveness</b>                     | \$5.00  | \$5.01                       | \$5.06 | 100%  | 100% | \$2.35   | \$2.35   | \$2.35 |
| <b>OVERALL<br/>SCORE</b>                          |   |                              |        | 88%   | 90%  | \$14.3   | \$12.8   | \$12.9 |

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### Child Support Caseload and Collections July 2001 to June 2003

Source: Division of Child Support

|               | CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD               |                             |                            |                           | CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS |                      | COLLECTIONS BY CASE TYPE             |                             |                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
|               | TANF/<br>FOSTER<br>CARE <sup>1</sup> | FORMER<br>ASST <sup>2</sup> | NEVER<br>ASST <sup>3</sup> | TOTAL<br>IV-D<br>CASELOAD | ACTUAL                    | PROJECTED            | TANF/<br>FOSTER<br>CARE <sup>1</sup> | FORMER<br>ASST <sup>2</sup> | NEVER<br>ASST <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>SFY 01</b> | <b>52,756</b>                        | <b>180,719</b>              | <b>88,693</b>              | <b>322,168</b>            | <b>\$605,215,474</b>      | <b>\$633,395,098</b> | <b>\$45,151,579</b>                  | <b>\$279,323,458</b>        | <b>\$280,740,437</b>       |
| JUL 01        | 49,692                               | 172,703                     | 89,455                     | 311,850                   | \$ 49,913,138             | \$57,998,478         | \$ 3,606,111                         | \$ 22,635,318               | \$23,672,586               |
| AUG           | 48,611                               | 173,529                     | 89,457                     | 311,597                   | \$ 53,057,105             | \$53,725,639         | \$ 3,900,481                         | \$ 24,494,034               | \$ 24,663,318              |
| SEPT          | 49,668                               | 172,275                     | 89,755                     | 311,698                   | \$ 48,552,816             | \$53,648,221         | \$ 3,330,228                         | \$ 22,400,543               | \$ 22,822,629              |
| OCT           | 48,925                               | 173,577                     | 90,337                     | 312,839                   | \$ 52,718,518             | \$56,776,082         | \$ 3,782,119                         | \$ 24,099,674               | \$ 24,837,455              |
| NOV           | 49,856                               | 172,608                     | 90,607                     | 313,071                   | \$ 49,257,319             | \$51,801,460         | \$ 3,369,564                         | \$ 21,755,972               | \$ 24,132,509              |
| DEC           | 50,490                               | 171,693                     | 90,793                     | 312,976                   | \$ 47,876,410             | \$57,725,095         | \$ 3,347,172                         | \$ 21,049,664               | \$ 23,480,345              |
| JAN 02        | 50,858                               | 171,613                     | 91,572                     | 314,043                   | \$ 50,632,747             | \$55,044,462         | \$ 3,573,007                         | \$ 22,240,920               | \$ 24,819,556              |
| FEB           | 50,198                               | 172,012                     | 92,079                     | 314,289                   | \$ 46,919,867             | \$53,099,757         | \$ 3,308,694                         | \$ 20,329,854               | \$ 23,282,066              |
| MAR           | 50,218                               | 169,908                     | 92,333                     | 312,459                   | \$ 57,891,994             | \$62,673,631         | \$ 4,687,382                         | \$ 26,904,443               | \$ 26,300,961              |
| APR           | 48,220                               | 168,716                     | 92,275                     | 309,211                   | \$ 56,498,103             | \$62,986,496         | \$ 4,339,099                         | \$ 26,117,922               | \$ 26,041,737              |
| MAY           | 46,866                               | 166,950                     | 92,214                     | 306,030                   | \$ 56,567,341             | \$63,741,588         | \$ 4,013,780                         | \$ 26,212,741               | \$ 26,340,836              |
| JUNE          | 44,987                               | 166,346                     | 92,139                     | 303,472                   | \$ 58,305,985             | \$66,944,872         | \$ 4,300,547                         | \$ 27,607,619               | \$ 26,398,215              |
| <b>SFY 02</b> | <b>49,049</b>                        | <b>170,994</b>              | <b>91,085</b>              | <b>311,128</b>            | <b>\$628,199,342</b>      | <b>\$696,165,781</b> | <b>\$45,558,184</b>                  | <b>\$285,848,705</b>        | <b>\$296,792,212</b>       |
| JUL 02        | 46,463                               | 166,458                     | 92,752                     | 304,673                   | \$52,347,852              | \$63,534,307         | \$3,479,526                          | \$23,397,541                | \$25,470,785               |
| AUG           | 45,612                               | 166,324                     | 92,629                     | 304,565                   | \$51,143,599              | \$58,997,012         | \$3,394,571                          | \$22,712,163                | \$25,036,865               |
| SEPT          | 46,389                               | 165,852                     | 93,051                     | 305,292                   | \$49,276,482              | \$59,036,839         | \$3,197,714                          | \$21,633,368                | \$24,445,400               |
| OCT           | 45,956                               | 166,813                     | 93,421                     | 306,190                   | \$53,280,255              | \$62,456,244         | \$3,499,514                          | \$23,617,912                | \$26,162,830               |
| NOV           | 46,531                               | 166,559                     | 93,722                     | 306,812                   | \$47,029,575              | \$57,022,856         | \$3,050,209                          | \$20,386,020                | \$23,593,347               |
| DEC           | 46,506                               | 166,724                     | 93,995                     | 307,225                   | \$52,420,665              | \$63,579,086         | \$3,431,378                          | \$22,822,420                | \$26,166,867               |
| JAN 03        | 47,982                               | 166,065                     | 94,421                     | 308,468                   | \$49,385,791              | \$60,616,647         | \$3,173,326                          | \$21,319,700                | \$24,892,765               |
| FEB           | 48,547                               | 166,606                     | 95,252                     | 310,405                   | \$50,353,470              | \$58,529,014         | \$3,526,868                          | \$21,909,196                | \$24,917,407               |
| MAR           | 49,440                               | 166,295                     | 95,935                     | 311,670                   | \$58,235,465              | \$68,736,305         | \$4,637,885                          | \$26,329,644                | \$27,267,936               |
| APR           | 48,635                               | 167,586                     | 96,618                     | 312,839                   | \$57,232,162              | \$68,943,474         | \$4,079,263                          | \$25,683,823                | \$27,469,076               |
| MAY           | 48,971                               | 167,652                     | 96,752                     | 313,375                   | \$55,802,543              | \$69,682,483         | \$3,867,983                          | \$25,027,433                | \$26,907,127               |
| JUNE          | 47,925                               | 168,728                     | 96,953                     | 313,606                   | \$57,732,429              | \$73,155,512         | \$3,999,737                          | \$26,222,436                | \$27,510,257               |
| <b>SFY 03</b> | <b>47,330</b>                        | <b>166,805</b>              | <b>94,625</b>              | <b>308,760</b>            | <b>\$634,240,288</b>      | <b>\$764,289,779</b> | <b>\$43,337,974</b>                  | <b>\$281,061,653</b>        | <b>\$309,840,661</b>       |

Note: Case counts are unduplicated

<sup>1</sup> TANF/Foster Care or Current Assistance (TANF or Title IV -E Foster Care)

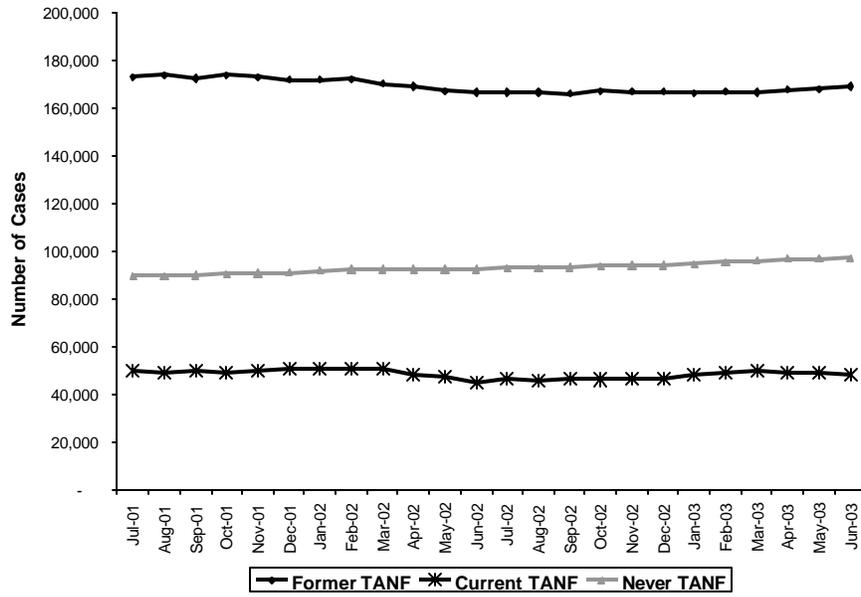
<sup>2</sup> Former Assistance (individuals who have ever received TANF/AFDC or Title IV -E Foster Care); and

<sup>3</sup> Never Assistance (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV -E. Medicaid only, child care only and State Only Foster Care are considered Never Assistance). Payment Service Only and medical and subrogated debt cases are excluded from Title IV-D cases.

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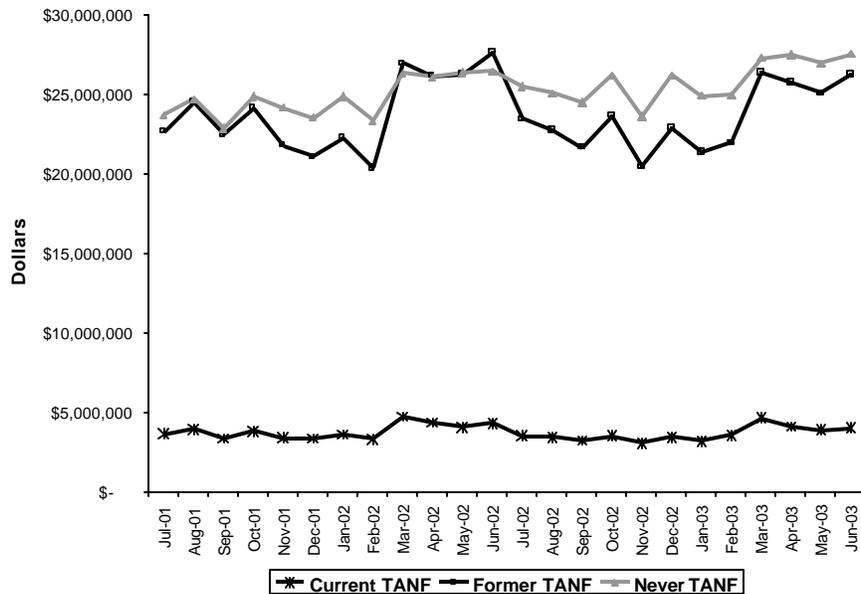
### Child Support Caseload by Type July 2001 to June 2003

Source: Division of Child Support



### Child Support Collections by Case Type July 2001 to June 2003

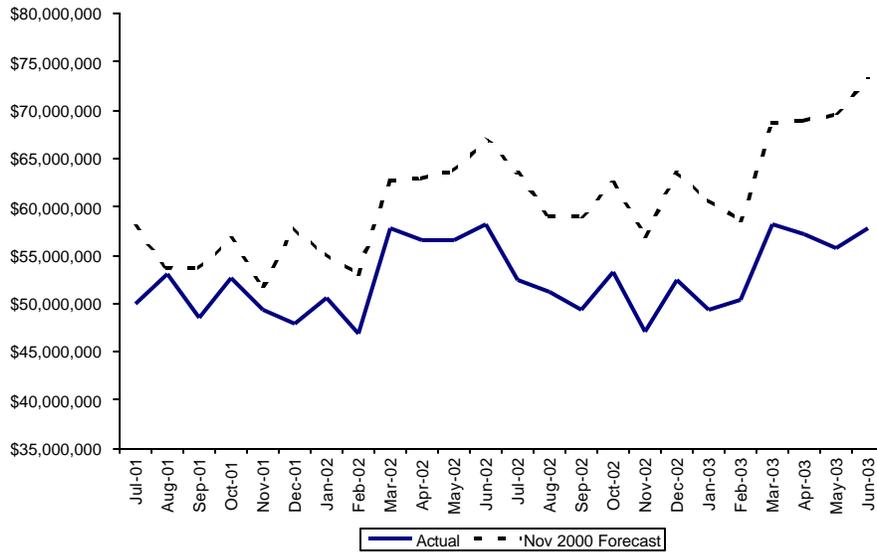
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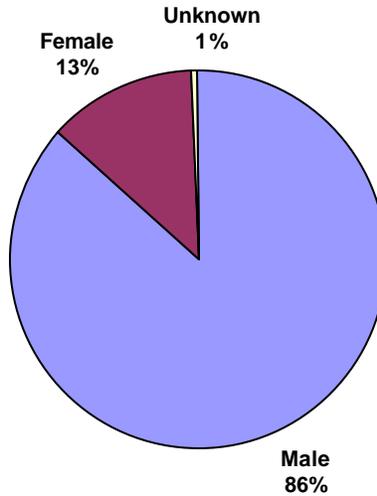
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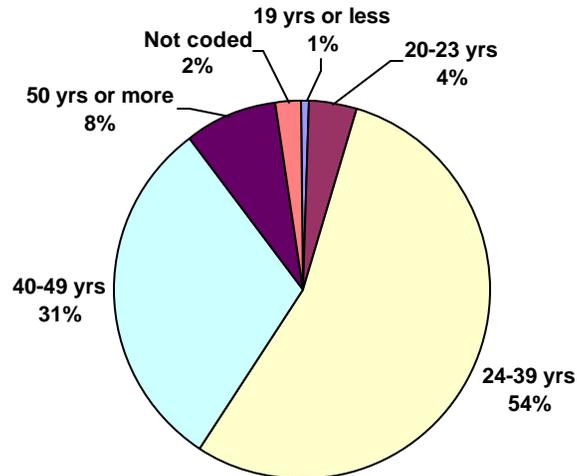
### Non-Custodial Parents by Gender, August 2003 (N=316,063)

Source: Division of Child Support



### Non-Custodial Parents by Age, August 2003 (N=316,063)

Source: Division of Child Support



**Note:** The non-custodial parent is the parent (mother, father, or reputed father) who is now or eventually may be obligated under the law for the support of a child or children receiving services under the Title IV -D child support program.